the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Amount of income-tax due at present from Shri N. T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 4.79 lakhs.

(b) Major portion of the demand is disputed in appeals. However, a show cause notice under section 22(1) of Income-tax Act has been issued.

2434 [*Transferred to the 9th December*, 1987]

Procurement of drilling rigs and pumps from Soviet Union

2435. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether six drilling rigs and thirty five pumps are being procured from the Soviet Union for drought relief work in India;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions on which this assistance is being offered by the USSR;

(c) whether any experts are being deputed by the Soviet Union for this purpose; and

(d) whether some arrangements for transfer of technology in this area have also been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) USSR has offered 6 rigs and 35 pumps aid to India for drought relief work The equipment would be supplied during 1987-88.

(c) and (d) USSR would also depute experts to train Indian counterpart personnel in the operation and maintenance of these equipments. For transfer of technology and training of Indian experts, organisation of seminar is also envisaged.

Financial assistance for Haldia Petro-Chemicals project

2436. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3858 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether processing of the proposals given by the Haldia Petro-Chemicals Limited, has since been completed; and

(b) if so, whether the financial assistance as sought for, has since been cleared; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) No, Sir. The magnitude and the technical financial complexities of the project have required wider consultation/examination.

(b) Does not arise.

Lapsing of LIC policies

2437 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has since been drawn to the phenomena of increasing number of L.I.C policies that lapse leading to the forefeiture of the money;

(b) whether Government have examined the matter; and